

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF ARCADIA
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010
6:00 PM**

The minutes of the February 16th & March 2nd meetings were inadvertently printed out of order on these numbered pages.

The 2/16/10 Workshop begins on pg. 7493 and the 2/16/10 regular mtg begins on pg. 7493 B. The 3/2/10 Workshop begins on pg. 7484 with the regular meeting of 3/2/10 beginning on pg. 7487.

CALL TO ORDER, INVOCATION, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & ROLL CALL

The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 PM with the following members and staff present.

Arcadia City Council

Mayor Roosevelt Johnson
Deputy Mayor Robert Heine
Councilmember Lorenzo Dixon

Councilmember Sharon Goodman
Councilmember Keith Keene

Arcadia City Staff

Interim Administrator Shelly Baumann
City Attorney Adam Fernandez

City Recorder Dana Williams

Councilmember Goodman gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call by the Mayor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. RECOGNITION OF NATHANIEL LEE

The City Recorder read on behalf of the City a notice of appreciation recognizing Mr. Lee's volunteer efforts at the Smith-Brown gym and the Mayor presented Mr. Lee with the framed certificate.

2. RECOGNITION OF JACK L. POOSER

The City Recorder also read a notice of appreciation recognizing Mr. Pooser's efforts to collect litter and clean the streets and rights-of-way without prompting or request; and the Mayor presented Mr. Pooser with the framed certificate.

3. STEVE ATTRILL – RE: SEWER BACK UP AT 410 N. POLK AVE

Mr. Attrill described a sewer backup he experienced on November 25, 2009, where 2-3 inches of black water filled his home, making it unlivable for a period of time. He talked about expenses he incurred as a result of this, having stayed at a hotel for seven weeks while clean up and repair crews worked on his house, and that his insurance company had covered the damages with the exception of a \$1,305 deductible, which he was now seeking from the City.

Mr. Attrill explained how City staff had responded to the back up, and found the problem to be a collapsed Orangeburg Pipe, how the City tore up and ultimately replaced his driveway, but that the collapsed line was a lateral pipe on city property to which Mr. Attrill does not have

authorization to dig, build, repair or replace. Mr. Attrill added that he does not believe anyone to be negligent; however, the back up did occur and he felt because it was beneath his driveway on city property, the City should assist with reimbursement of his deductible expense. Mr. Attrill's daughter, Tracy, also provided her account of the situation, affirming her father's expense and inconvenience and adding that her children were unable to celebrate the holidays with their grandfather.

Mr. Fred Lewis, Systems Supervisor for the City, reported that clearly our code reads that lateral service to the main is the customer's responsibility. Mr. Lewis also stated that if the main is not blocked, the only way a back up could occur would be for someone to repeatedly introduce water into a blocked line. Mr. Lewis further stated the City has never used Orangeburg pipe but that developers many years ago did use it to connect to the City's lines.

The Attorney reminded the Council that city funds cannot be expended unless for a public purpose and that a factual finding by the City's liability carrier has determined there was no fault on the part of the City. He advised the City to not authorize any expenditure regarding this request.

Councilmember Dixon, acknowledging the Attorney's advice, stated that Mr. Tucker (of the liability company) had based his opinion on a discussion with Mr. Lewis and that he [Dr. Dixon] had visited the site, talked with Mr. Lewis, and was led to believe it was Mr. Lewis' initial opinion there may be a degree of responsibility on the part of the City. Dr. Dixon continued that in his discussion with the former City Administrator, she too felt the City should "step up and help out"; adding that a similar situation had arisen several years ago where the City did assist financially.

The City Attorney read from Code Section 102-41, which states in part, "*The owner of property shall be responsible for maintaining and keeping clean the water and sewer pipes leading and connecting from the plumbing system to the city distribution lines and main sewers.*" The Attorney again advised the Council they should consider that section wholly applicable.

Councilmember Keene stated he had a similar problem a while back also for which he was not reimbursed any expenses; adding he does not want to set a precedent here. Mr. Keene said he feels bad this incident happened, but felt the Council should heed the advice of their attorney.

A brief discussion followed on the prior incident and the City Administrator pointed out that it involved a lift station, which was assuredly the City's responsibility.

Councilmember Keene then made a motion to deny the request of Steve Attrill for reimbursement of his insurance deductible related to the sewer backup at 410 N. Polk Avenue. The motion was seconded by the Deputy Mayor and a voice vote recorded unanimous, 5-0, approval.

4. **DISCUSSION OF STEPS TO SET UP A COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY – JENNIFER CODO-SALISBURY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA REGIONAL PLANNING COUNCIL (CFRPC)**
 - **RESOLUTION 2010-1, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF ARCADIA REDEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Ms. Codo-Salisbury outlined steps for the creation of a Community Redevelopment Agency

including the Finding of Necessity, the criteria for which is found in *Florida Statutes*, the establishment of a CRA plan of projects and priorities, and implementation of a CRA Board. She distributed a handout representing declining values and the impact of those values over time in relation to the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) set point. Ms. Codo-Salisbury reported that in the five counties within her regional area, declining property values were initially limited to residential property but have now appeared in commercial parcels as well. She stated the RPC believes now is a great time to do planning for a CRA and to complete the Finding of Necessity (which will hold for five years) within the next 12 months but does not recommend creation of a CRA at this time or until the market begins an upward turn.

Councilmember Goodman questioned who would conduct the study and at whose expense is it done. Ms. Codo-Salisbury stated it could be done by the city or the RPC or a consultant, but that the expense would be the City's.

The Mayor noted there was a resolution included in the agenda package, which would proceed with establishing an advisory committee for a CRA and asked the Council for their preference in moving forward on that. Councilmember Dixon asked Ms. Codo-Salisbury her opinion about the timing of such a resolution to which she responded it would be a good time to start the planning process.

On motion of Councilmember Dixon and seconded by Councilmember Goodman, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to approve Resolution 2010-1 creating a Redevelopment and Economic Advisory Committee.

The resolution in its entirety appears below:

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-1

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING THE CITY OF ARCADIA RE-DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE PROCEDURES AND RULES GOVERNING SAME; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1. Establishment of the City of Arcadia Re-development and Economic Advisory Committee. The Re-development and Economic Advisory Committee is hereby established as follows:

(1) This Committee shall be advisory only and may be abolished, disbanded, or reorganized at any time by the Council pursuant to an amendment to this resolution.

(2) The Council shall appoint members to the Committee by motion made at a public meeting. The motion may provide for the term of office of each member, and the terms of office may be staggered, all in the sole discretion of the Council.

(3) Open positions for members of the Committee shall be announced at a City Council meeting and may be advertised in a manner determined by the City Administrator. Applicants for such positions shall follow the procedures set by the Council and the City Administrator regarding

advisory board applications and shall provide assurances to the Council of the lack of conflicts and potential conflicts of interest.

(4) The Committee should be comprised of at least three (3) and no more than seven (7) members. Each Committee member must be resident of the City.

(5) The City Administrator shall act as a liaison between the Committee and the Council.

(6) The Committee shall follow any meeting procedures adopted by the Council or in absence of same or where same are silent by the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order. Unless a quorum is present, the Committee shall not take formal action but may meet to hear presentations. Meetings shall be scheduled in the discretion of the Committee or at the request of the Council or the City Administrator.

(7) Staff, administrative, and facility support for the Committee shall be provided by a city department designated by the City Administrator. Minutes of the meetings of the Committee shall be kept by the City Recorder. The City Attorney shall provide all legal services to the Committee but only as specifically directed, from time to time, by the Council; provided, however, the City Attorney shall not be required to undertake or continue representation of the Committee where to do so would, in the opinion of the Attorney, conflict with his representation of the Council or constitute a violation of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar.

(8) A member of the Committee may resign at will or be removed at any time by the Council. Should any member of the Committee resign or be removed before completion of his/her term, the Council shall appoint a new member for the remainder of such member's term following the procedure included herein above.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, with a quorum present and voting the 16th day of February 2010.

By: /s/ Roosevelt Johnson, Ed.D., Mayor

ATTEST

/s/ Dana L.S. Williams, CMC, City Recorder

5. DISCUSSION OF STEPS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATER TREATMENT PLANT INCLUDING POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCES - JULIE KARLESKINT, HAZEN AND SAWYER

Ms. Julie Karleskint of Hazen and Sawyer, introduced Bob Cadle also of the firm, then made a presentation of funding options related to the City's water treatment plant. She provided four options: take no action, purchase water from DeSoto County, upgrade the existing facility, or build a new facility. Ms. Karleskint talked briefly about what was entailed with each of the options, the costs associated for each, and the pros/cons. She also discussed the existing consent order issued by the DEP to mitigate the lime sludge ponds and the timeliness of that order. Ms. Karleskint then covered the State Revolving Fund loans and what effect it would have on the City's debt service

with and without a grant for building a new plant. Related to action to be taken this evening, Ms. Karleskint requested approval to proceed with special authorization #9, preparing a funding application and preliminary evaluation study for improvements to the WTP and a new water supply well.

Councilmember Keene asked the life expectancy of the five wells currently in use. Ms. Karleskint estimated that some do not even have ten years remaining.

Mr. Robert Allen, 12 S. 12th Avenue, expressed "concern" over the denial of \$1,300 to Mr. Atrill earlier this evening considering the Council is now entertaining a proposal for millions of dollars on a new plant when there is water within three blocks of the plant that is available for purchase at \$3.75 per 1000 gallons. Mr. Allen called it "inexcusable" to spend "this kind of money" when the county has water available and stated that "we/they" verbalizations are a hindrance. He felt the county would seriously negotiate rates with the city if asked, but that the burden of the cost should not be put upon the community. Mr. Allen suggested the Council "sleep" on it before making a decision.

Ms. Karleskint acknowledged Mr. Allen's concern but pointed out the City is under a consent order with a specific timeline for removal of the lime sludge ponds, after which the City will begin incurring monetary fines. She added also that if the City were to purchase water from the County, the City would continue to be responsible for the distribution lines and billing services; and that grant funding was available which would potentially reduce the debt. She conceded it was not imperative the Council make a decision this evening, but added it could not be put off indefinitely due to SRF deadlines and the consent order.

Councilmember Dixon asked about the cost of the authorization she was seeking and Ms. Karleskint responded \$65,000. Dr. Dixon then questioned the amount of grant funding available to which Ms. Karleskint answered with a maximum \$2 million grant, the City's portion would be reduced to \$170,000 per year and that the existing debt service, due to expire in 2012, is currently at \$175,000.

On motion of Councilmember Dixon and seconded by Councilmember Goodman, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to table the discussion and any decision to the March 2nd meeting.

6. HURRICANE HOUSING RECOVERY PROGRAM – MANDY HINES, DESOTO COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Mandy Hines, of DeSoto County made a presentation on efforts and results of the Hurricane Housing Recovery Program as a result of the 2004 hurricane season. She addressed the housing replacement program including purchasing assistance, transfers of ownership, replacing dilapidated housing, rehab and emergency repairs, and use of FEMA mobile homes & travel trailers. Ms. Hines also discussed the multi-family rental housing at Jacaranda II, DeSoto Landing, Heron Cove, the Palms and the Oaks; before covering expenditures by strategy and jurisdictional boundaries. In conclusion, she stated she was proud of the program, which had delivered dollars to areas with the greatest need.

CONSENT AGENDA

7. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2010, WORKSHOP
8. MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 2, 2010, REGULAR MEETING
9. PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS OR SALVAGE PROPERTY
10. CITY FINES AND ESTREATURES REPORT
11. AIR-CADIA RENT REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010
12. MOBILE HOME PARK REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2010
13. ARCADIA GOLF COURSE REPORT FOR JANUARY 2010

Councilmember Keene offered a motion to approve items #7 through #13 of the Consent Agenda printed above. The Deputy Mayor provided a second and a roll call vote recorded unanimously, 5-0, approval.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

14. APPROVAL TO PLACE ½ PAGE AD IN 2010 RODEO PROGRAM WITH CORRECTIONS AS NEEDED FOR A COST OF \$475.00

On motion of the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councilmember Keene, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to approve the purchase of a ½ page ad in the 2010 Rodeo Program at a cost of \$475.00.

ORDINANCES

15. SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 959

The City Recorder read ordinance 959 by title and presented it on second reading.

The Deputy Mayor made a motion to approve the ordinance and Councilmember Goodman provided the second. A roll call vote recorded unanimous, 5-0, approval. The ordinance in its entirety appears below.

ORDINANCE NO. 959

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING TO THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, CERTAIN LANDS CONTIGUOUS THERETO CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.45 ACRES LOCATED AT 2693 AND 2597 NE NAT AVENUE, IDENTIFIED AS DESOTO COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISAL PARCEL ID # 30-37-25-0000-0050-0000 AND PARCEL ID # 30-37-25-0000-0040-0000; PROVIDING FOR A METES AND BOUNDS LEGAL DESCRIPTION ATTACHED TO THIS ORDINANCE AS EXHIBIT "A," AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Arcadia City Council, on behalf of its citizens, desires to annex the property described in the attached Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, said property petitioned to be annexed is contiguous to the corporate limits of the City of Arcadia, Florida, and meets the requirements of Section 171.044, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the property is owned by Paul, Inc., a Florida corporation, and are the subjects

of annexation agreements dated December 9, 2009.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Arcadia, Florida hereby ordains:

Section 1: That the land described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference is land sought to be annexed by motion, and the same is hereby annexed to and incorporated within the City of Arcadia, DeSoto County, Florida, as fully and effectually as if the same were included within the boundary of the City of Arcadia, Florida as set forth in its Charter.

Section 2: Such land, above described, shall immediately become subject to the jurisdiction and powers of the City of Arcadia, Florida.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, FLORIDA, on this 16th day of February 2010.

By: /s/ Roosevelt Johnson, Ed.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Dana L.S. Williams, CMC, City Recorder

EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Parcel 1: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida; thence North on the West boundary of said forty, 170.72 feet to the Easterly right of way of the SCL RR (Old ACL RR); thence North 21°12' East along the Easterly right of way of said RR, 448.02 feet to a point which intersects the East right of way of U.S. #17 for the Point of Beginning; thence continue along the same line 417.42 feet; thence South 68°48' East, 208.71 feet; thence South 21°12' West, 417.42 feet; thence South 55°32' West, 235.60 feet to the East right of way of U.S. #17; thence North 0°05'39' West along said right of way, 208.81 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel Identification Number: 30-37-25-0000-0040-0000

and

Parcel 2: Commence at the Southwest corner of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 30, Township 37 South, Range 25 East, DeSoto County, Florida; thence North on the West boundary of said forty, 170.72 feet to the Easterly right of way of the SCL RR (Old ACL RR); thence North 21°12' East along the Easterly right of way of said Railroad, 448.02 feet to a point which intersects the East right of way of U.S. #17; thence continue along the same course, 417.42 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence continue along the same course, 373.12 feet to a point on the North Boundary of said forty; thence North 89°45'28" East along said North boundary, 224.23 feet; thence South 21°12' West, 455.09 feet; thence North 68°48' West , 208.71 feet to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel Identification Number: 30-37-25-0000-0050-0000

Subject to reservations, restrictions and easements of record.

COMMENTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

16. CITY MARSHAL

The City Marshal had no report.

17. ATTORNEY

The City Attorney reported that his firm is still working with the Mr. Ribel, the Minnear's attorney, on language and details of the finer points of the lease purchase agreement. He distributed a copy of the most recent draft asking the Council to review it and forward any comments to his office prior to the next meeting.

18. ADMINISTRATOR

a) SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY AT AUCTION

The Interim Administrator reported that she had talked with Mr. Frank Land of Land Auction Service, Inc. regarding a consignment equipment and machinery auction his firm will be conducting at the Turner Center on March 6, 2010. She continued that if the city chooses to participate, it would not be charged any commission, but rather Mr. Land secures his fee through a buyer's premium. The Interim Administrator continued through the points contained in her memorandum, noting specifically the cost savings in terms of staff time, payment processing, title transfers and lack of advertising requirements. She suggested taking to the auction only city vehicles in running condition and selling the remainder as scrap rather than to incur a cost of towing them to the Turner Center only to receive scrap value.

On motion of the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councilmember Dixon, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to utilize the consignment equipment and machinery auction being conducted by Land Auction Service, Inc. to be held at the Turner Center on March 6th, for the purpose of selling City surplus vehicles owned in running condition.

b) REPORT ON AIRPORT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

The Interim Administrator provided a projection of revenues over expenditures for the airport lease buy out, noting specifically that she had compiled the figures after speaking with managers from nearby airports such as Wauchula, Sebring and Punta Gorda. She continued the City could reasonably expect to receive between \$0.30 and \$0.35 per sf in rent of the maintenance and paint hangers and that by installing self-service pumps, there is potential to triple fuel sales. She then briefly covered the projection sheet, noting that she had been conservative in the projections but still felt there was sufficient revenue available to warrant the purchase of the lease for an overall profit.

Councilmember Keene asked if the airport was in compliance with the Fire Marshall to which the Interim Administrator responded she was uncertain but did not believe so, although she added the County has been working with "us" on conformance issues. Councilmember Dixon asked about those violations and whether it was the Minnear's responsibility to mitigate them. The Interim Administrator again answered she was uncertain and would have to review the original lease before providing a definitive answer. He then asked if the City had the entire purchase price of the lease buyout (\$150K) in the bank so as to provide assurances to the taxpayers the City could

move forward comfortably without shouldering an additional burden. The Interim Administrator answered the City would not want to spend the entire \$150,000 at one time but could most assuredly pay the initial \$50,000 and spread the remaining out over four years at \$25,000 per year. She continued that the City could only spend what it has been allocated to spend via the budget, although an appropriation could be made if needed. Dr. Dixon then questioned why, if the airport was such a great business, the current leaseholders would want to sell it; adding that with the current recession, there is uncertainty in the circumstances of the market.

Councilmember Keene pointed out the Interim Administrator had provided the Council with the best projections possible and that they had been given a "homework assignment" to review so that any decision would be a sound one. Councilmember Goodman suggested that a workshop be scheduled to discuss the pending issues after reviewing the projections and agreement so that during the regular meeting a swift decision could be made. The Interim Administrator added she would meet with Capt. Walker of the Fire Department concerning the code violations and have that information available for the Council.

On motion of Councilmember Goodman and seconded by Councilmember Dixon, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to conduct a workshop at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, to discuss outstanding issues with the Airport lease.

c) COMPENSATION FOR INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

The Interim Administrator, referring to her prepared memorandum, asked the Council for their thoughts on providing compensation for serving in the interim capacity. She added that she has been in the dual position for four weeks at this point and has a better understanding of the demands on her time, which is approximately 10-12 extra hours per week not including being on-call 24/hr per day via telephone. The Interim Administrator stated that at her current hourly rate, the payment for the additional hours would be \$315 - \$377 per week or \$472 - \$566 if paid at an overtime rate; and that she had originally suggested \$288/week, which proved to be significantly less than what actual compensation would be. The Interim Administrator continued that consideration should be given for the level of responsibility and accountability of the position and felt a fair supplement would be between \$350 - \$400 per week. She also pointed out the calculation or conversion to an annual salary has no bearing since any supplement would only be for the time served in the position.

The Deputy Mayor made a motion to compensate the Interim Administrator an additional flat rate of \$375 per week. Councilmember Goodman provided a second for discussion purposes.

Councilmember Dixon stated in most cases, an administrator or supervisor understands that because they are salaried, they wouldn't expect any extra or overage pay for time spent beyond the normal business hours to which the Interim Administrator responded she was actually doing more than one full time job and that if she were only doing one job, that would not be the case. She continued that she was trying to juggle both positions to keep things going and it is taking between an extra 10-12 hours of her time per week. The Interim Administrator added she needs to put in the extra time to stay on top of things citing an example of working on Saturday when there are no phone calls or personal visit interruptions; and that between serving as the Administrator, Finance Director, and Planning & Zoning official, she is holding down the most demanding jobs which should require some consideration and some compensation.

Councilmember Dixon acknowledged the Interim Administrator was trying to be fair, but also wanted to be fair to the constituents as stewards of their tax dollars. He then asked what the suggested figure equated to in terms of an annual salary. The Interim Administrator responded she had not calculated it that way because she would not be doing the job for a year and therefore had no bearing. She also stated that if she were not serving as interim, the city would hire another, outside person and with the last interim position that was at \$25/hr. Councilmember Dixon then stated he felt one primary responsibility for an Administrator was to delegate the workload and agrees to some extra compensation saying he has "no problem with milking the cow but does with one draining the cow". He added he wanted to ensure the legality of overtime and would be more comfortable with the \$1,000/mo figure he had previously discussed with the Interim Administrator.

Councilmember Keene agreed, pointing out this appointment was only for a short time.

A brief discussion followed on the responsibilities and duties as compared available staff. Shortly thereafter, Mr. Keene called for the question. The Mayor complied and by a **4-1 vote, additional compensation at a flat rate of \$375/week was approved for the Interim Administrator. Councilmember Dixon cast the dissenting vote.**

The Interim Administrator reported the Planning & Zoning Board at their last regular meeting had recommended that the Council allow Mid-Florida Federal Credit Union to install a temporary sign no larger than 64 sf and no higher than 15' and to be removed and replaced within eight weeks following adoption of a new sign ordinance.

Deputy Mayor Heine made a motion to permit Mid-Florida Federal Credit Union to install a temporary sign at their site which shall be no larger than 64 sf and no higher than 15' and must be removed and replaced within eight weeks following adoption of a new, City sign code. Councilmember Keene provided a second to the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0, upon voice vote.

Mr. Bobby Carroll, Field Coordinator for the Department of Transportation (DOT) had recently contacted the Interim Administrator regarding a sinking manhole at the corner of Volusia and Hickory. Mr. Carroll explained that the manhole is in immediate need of repair and that the DOT will do the milling and resurfacing of the roadway at no cost to the City if the City will handle the replacement of the manhole within the next few weeks while state road crews are in the area. The Interim Administrator reported the estimated cost of the manhole to be \$14,321, and the Systems Department has \$25,000 budgeted for machinery and equipment, which can be reallocated to repairs and maintenance. She added that with the State handling the road work, the City will realize a cost savings of \$4-6,000.

On motion of the Deputy Mayor and seconded by Councilmember Goodman, the Council voted unanimously, 5-0, to authorize the expenditure of funds and proceed with the necessary manhole repair work.

The Interim Administrator reported on two additional items, namely that Mr. John Court, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Supervisor wished to thank the Council for terminating the lease at the Livestock Market and allowing his department to relocate to the Turner Center; and that the request of Leonard Higley for \$300 to cover the cost of replanting the "welcome sign" in the

West end of town was covered through the Parks Department budget therefore no further action was required.

19. OTHER DEPARTMENTS
A) TOURISM DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

The City Recorder reported briefly on the memorandum prepared in relation to this item, noting the County had reviewed their ordinance and realized a second elected municipal officer was required for appointment to the Tourism Development Committee. She added a recommended motion was prepared and submitted with the package.

Councilmember Keene made a motion to appoint Councilmember Lorenzo Dixon as the second of two elected municipal officers to the DeSoto County Leadership Tourism Development Council. The Deputy Mayor provided a second to the motion, which passed unanimously, 5-0.

The City Recorder also informed the Council that twelve applications for the position of City Administrator had been received to-date and asked how they would prefer to receive the candidates' information. It was the consensus of the Council to have hard copies of all letters and resumes provided to them.

PUBLIC

Mr. Greg Smith, a member of the public, spoke briefly about the credentials of Frank Land of Land Auction Service, Inc., saying Mr. Land's company has done several sales for his church and that the Council had made a good choice. Mr. Smith also mentioned that Glades County and LeBelle airports were in a similar position as Arcadia and had tripled their revenues since taking over management of their respective airports.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL MATTERS

Councilmember Keene asked about the toddler playground equipment offered by Leadership DeSoto, and the Interim Administrator answered it has been placed at Jim Space.

ADJOURN

Having no further business at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF MARCH 2010.

By: Roosevelt Johnson, Ed.D.
Roosevelt Johnson, Ed.D., Mayor

ATTEST:

Dana L.S. Williams
Dana L.S. Williams, CMC, City Recorder